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So far the USSR, Czechoslovakia, and India have recognized the new regime of Afghanistan; other Eastern European countries, Iraq, Egypt, and France are expected to recognize soon.

The rumors are that Sardar Wali and his two kids, Gen. Katarazi, Ghani Wardak, Gen. Gulbahar, Comm. Qoya-i-Zarba, ~~Gen. Babar~~, Comm. Minapal, are killed. General of Royal Guard, Prince, Shah Wali, Shafiq, Kushkaki, Khan Mohd Khan, Rahim Penjsheri's sons, Dawi, Wardak, and Zeygyee are under arrest.

The following people are said to have participated in this successful coupe: Gen. Mostaghni, Sayed Hassan, Khan Mohd Khan, Gen. Abdul Razeq, Hassan Sharq, and former Secret Office chief, Rasul.

People arriving from Kandahar, Parwan, Paktia, and Nangarhar say that situation is under control there. The rumors add that some areas in Nangarhar are shaky, otherwise the young army is in full control of the country. The North-West of Afghanistan is calm and quiet and happy, except few Heratis who are pro-Iranians. Some people say that Iranians are trying to provoke the Hazarachs against the present regime. The Iran radio news about Zahir Shah's departure for Afghanistan, seem to be just a propaganda. Even if there was any preparation by Iran to help the king, the recognition by USSR has rebuffed it. On Thursday military went to Rahim Penjsheri's house and took out

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all the men inhabitant of the house, leaving the women in the house. Also they took some tapes and communication equipment out of the house.

The new regime has brought the prices down: sugar from 24 to 16 per kilo, meat from 25 to 15, and baker~~ies~~ are being watched by the military men.

Everybody seems to welcome the new regime, and the people who were afraid to talk before, now say that the former kingdom was very oppressive and S. Wali was very proud and bad man.

Some of the military officers have been heard near to the Khayber's fountain that the new regime will not respect the ~~xxxx~~ Helmand water treaty signed with Iran, and that ~~xxxx~~ Pashtunistan will be liberated, and that the regime doesn't care about the talks and perhaps secret treaties between Shah Reza and Bhutto.

Some people believe that the new regime didn't have much of military support in the very beginning, they had just very few tanks to start with; later other batallions gave up to the new regime.

The young military officers who were trained in Russia or had pro-Russian feelings (although not aware of the coupe in advance) cooperated with the coupe. The Parcham students took over the Traffic guidance in absence of Traffic police, on Tuesday morning. People feel more safety now than in the former kingdom. It would be much better if ~~xxxx~~ USA recognized the new regime as soon as possible, for the sake of future good relations between the two countries and the supreme interests of

America. Jameyatul-ulama has told the Mullahs to omit King's name from the Friday prayers and say 'mean in charge of affairs working for the nation'. C. Mehra